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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 1/09/01;6/14/01;7/23/01;9/13/01;10/18/01.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 July 2001 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The listing of references in the specification is not a proper information disclosure statement. 37 CFR 1.98(b) requires a list of all patents, publications, or other information submitted for consideration by the Office, and MPEP § 609 A(1) states, "the list may not be incorporated into the specification but must be submitted in a separate paper." Therefore, unless the references have been cited by the examiner on form PTO-892, they have not been considered.

Drawings

2. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the limitations cited in claims 1-6 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

3. Color photographs and color drawings are acceptable only for examination purposes unless a petition filed under 37 CFR 1.84(a)(2) is granted permitting their use as acceptable drawings. In the event that applicant wishes to use the drawings currently on file as acceptable drawings, a petition must be filed for acceptance of the color photographs or color drawings as acceptable drawings. Any such petition must be accompanied by the appropriate fee set forth in

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37 CFR 1.17(h), three sets of color drawings or color photographs, as appropriate, and, unless already present, an amendment to include the following language as the first paragraph of the brief description of the drawings section of the specification:

The patent or application file contains at least one drawing executed in color. Copies of this patent or patent application publication with color drawing(s) will be provided by the Office upon request and payment of the necessary fee.

Color photographs will be accepted if the conditions for accepting color drawings have been satisfied.

Specification

4. Applicant is reminded of the proper content of an abstract of the disclosure.

A patent abstract is a concise statement of the technical disclosure of the patent and should include that which is new in the art to which the invention pertains. If the patent is of a basic nature, the entire technical disclosure may be new in the art, and the abstract should be directed to the entire disclosure. If the patent is in the nature of an improvement in an old apparatus, process, product, or composition, the abstract should include the technical disclosure of the improvement. In certain patents, particularly those for compounds and compositions, wherein the process for making and/or the use thereof are not obvious, the abstract should set forth a process for making and/or use thereof. If the new technical disclosure involves modifications or alternatives, the abstract should mention by way of example the preferred modification or alternative.

The abstract should not refer to purported merits or speculative applications of the invention and should not compare the invention with the prior art.

Where applicable, the abstract should include the following:

- (1) if a machine or apparatus, its organization and operation;
- (2) if an article, its method of making;
- (3) if a chemical compound, its identity and use;
- (4) if a mixture, its ingredients;
- (5) if a process, the steps.

Extensive mechanical and design details of apparatus should not be given.

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5. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because there is a duplicated abstract in the specification. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

The following guidelines illustrate the preferred layout for the specification of a utility application. These guidelines are suggested for the applicant's use.

Arrangement of the Specification

As provided in 37 CFR 1.77(b), the specification of a utility application should include the following sections in order. Each of the lettered items should appear in upper case, without underlining or bold type, as a section heading. If no text follows the section heading, the phrase "Not Applicable" should follow the section heading:

- (a) TITLE OF THE INVENTION.
 - (b) CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS.
 - (c) STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT.
 - (d) INCORPORATION-BY-REFERENCE OF MATERIAL SUBMITTED ON A COMPACT DISC (See 37 CFR 1.52(e)(5) and MPEP 608.05. Computer program listings (37 CFR 1.96(c)), "Sequence Listings" (37 CFR 1.821(c)), and tables having more than 50 pages of text are permitted to be submitted on compact discs.) or
REFERENCE TO A "MICROFICHE APPENDIX" (See MPEP § 608.05(a). "Microfiche Appendices" were accepted by the Office until March 1, 2001.)
 - (e) BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION.
 - (1) Field of the Invention.
 - (2) Description of Related Art including information disclosed under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
 - (f) BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION.
 - (g) BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWING(S).
 - (h) DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION.
 - (i) CLAIM OR CLAIMS (commencing on a separate sheet).
 - (j) ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE (commencing on a separate sheet).
 - (k) SEQUENCE LISTING (See MPEP § 2424 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. A "Sequence Listing" is required on paper if the application discloses a nucleotide or amino acid sequence as defined in 37 CFR 1.821(a) and if the required "Sequence Listing" is not submitted as an electronic document on compact disc).
6. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: there is a duplicate set of claims in the specification.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

7. Claims 1-3 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Re claims 1-2, there is missing a period (.) at the end of claims 1-2. In addition, there must be either comma (,) or semi-comma (;) in between each cited limitations (e.g. provide extensions of the Wavelet concept to the Fourier domain or equivalently the frequency domain; provide single waveform designs for all of the waveforms at multiple scales...).

Re claim 2, the phrase "the t-f space" should be rewritten as "the time-frequency space" in line 3. The term "c" in line 13 should be removed.

Re claim 3, there are two periods (.) in the claim. The applicant is advised to remove one period (.).

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

8. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

9. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

The specification fails to address clearly and precisely how to design multi-resolution waveforms and filters in Fourier domain with a property which provide a single waveform design for all of the waveforms at multiple scales in a way as to enable one skilled in the art to make the invention.

10. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

11. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Re claim 1:

The word "means" is preceded by the word(s) "the design" in line 1 in an attempt to use a "means" clause to recite a claim element as a means for performing a specified function. However, since no function is specified by the word(s) preceding "means," it is impossible to determine the equivalents of the element, as required by 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph. See *Ex parte Klumb*, 159 USPQ 694 (Bd. App. 1967).

There are limitations (e.g. the design, the Fourier domain, the frequency domain...) that lack antecedent basis.

The limitations cited in lines 1-2 are unclear whether they mean a method or an apparatus to design a new single multi-resolution waveform and filter in a Fourier domain comprising or to design new multi-resolution waveforms and filters in a Fourier domain with properties.

The term "can" in line 10 is a relative term which renders the claim indefinite.

The term "can" is not defined by the claim, the specification does not provide a standard for ascertaining the requisite degree, and one of ordinary skill in the art would not be reasonably apprised of the scope of the invention.

Claim 1 provides for the use (the properties) of the multi-resolution waveforms and filters, but, since the claim does not set forth any steps involved in the method/process, it is unclear what method/process applicant is intending to encompass. A claim is indefinite where it merely recites a use without any active, positive steps delimiting how this use is actually practiced.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed recitation of a use (the properties), without setting forth any steps involved in the process, results in an improper definition of a process, i.e., results in a claim which is not a proper process claim under 35 U.S.C. 101. See for example *Ex parte Dunki*, 153 USPQ 678 (Bd.App. 1967) and *Clinical Products, Ltd. v. Brenner*, 255 F. Supp. 131, 149 USPQ 475 (D.D.C. 1966).

In addition, claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential steps/structural, such omission amounting to a gap between the steps/structural. See MPEP § 2172.01.

For examination purposes, the examiner considers claim 1 as an apparatus means to design a multi-resolution waveform and filter in frequency domain (Fourier domain).

Re claim 2:

Claim 2 has similar problems as clearly cited in claim 1 above. For examination purposes, the examiner considers the claim 2 as an apparatus means to design a multi-resolution waveform and filter in the frequency domain.

Re claim 3:

Claim 3 has similar problems as clearly cited in claim 1 above. In addition, it is improper to claim features, which refers by number as cited in line 3. For examination purposes, the examiner considers the claim 3 as a method for designing a multi-resolution waveform, which allows Fourier domain techniques to be used.

Re claims 4-5:

Claims 4-5 have similar problems as clearly cited in claim 1 above.

Re claim 6:

Claim 6 has similar problems as clearly cited in claim 1 above. In addition, it is indefinite by the limitations “a new formulation in (5)” in line 1 and “the dc multi-resolution” in line 2.

In general, claims 1-6 have many limitations being indefinite for failing to clearly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

12. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

13. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hajj et al. (U.S. 6,064,768).

Re claim 1, Hajj et al. disclose in Figure 1 an apparatus means to design a multi-resolution waveform and filter in frequency domain (Fourier domain).

Re claim 2, Hajj et al. disclose in Figure 1 an apparatus means to design a multi-resolution waveform and filter in the frequency domain (Figure 2).

Re claim 3, Hajj et al. disclose in Figure 1 a method for designing a multi-resolution waveform, which allows Fourier domain techniques to be used.

Re claim 4, Hajj et al. disclose in Figure 1 a method for the design of multi-resolution waveforms which can incorporate Fourier domain techniques into design methodologies which can include analytical and iterated filter bank construction design techniques (16 and 20).

Re claim 5, Hajj et al. disclose in Figure 1 a method for the analysis (16 and 20) and design of multi-resolution waveforms using Fourier domain techniques which take advantage of the new invention disclosures on the characterization and design of multi-resolution waveforms in the Fourier domain.

14. Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipate by the admitted prior art.

Re claim 6, the admitted prior art discloses in the background of invention of the present invention a new formulation in (5) for multi-resolution waveform as a function of the dc multi-resolution waveform (page 7 last paragraph to page 8 first paragraph) which adds the concept of a frequency index that allows the multi-resolution waveform to be placed arbitrarily throughout the t-f space thereby 1) avoiding the restrictions of the Wavelet iterated filter construction for tiling a t-f space, and 2) allowing the new multi-resolution waveforms to be used for multi-resolution communications and for bandwidth-on-demand communications application in place of traditional Wavelets.

Conclusion

15. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- a. U.S. Patent No. 6,687,422 to Chen et al. disclose a discrete image data interpolation using sub-unity shift.
- b. U.S. Patent No. 6,643,406 to Hajjahmad et al. disclose a method and apparatus for performing linear filtering in wavelet based domain.
- c. U.S. Patent No. 6,584,111 to Aweya et al. disclose an ABR flow control using single bit congestion indication and wavelet transform filtering.

16. An examination of this application reveals that applicant is unfamiliar with patent prosecution procedure. While an inventor may prosecute the application, lack of skill in this field usually acts as a liability in affording the maximum protection for the invention disclosed.

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Applicant is advised to secure the services of a registered patent attorney or agent to prosecute the application, since the value of a patent is largely dependent upon skilled preparation and prosecution. The Office cannot aid in selecting an attorney or agent.

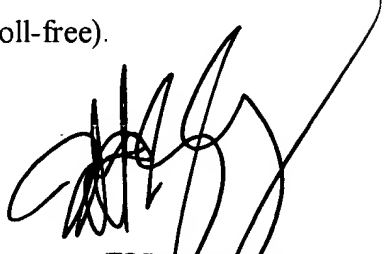
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chat C. Do whose telephone number is (703) 305-5655. The examiner can normally be reached on M => F from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chaki Kakali can be reached on (703) 305-9662. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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